

GMARC Meeting Minutes
Apr.15, 2008

7:07PM - Meeting started by Kurt WU8V, GMARC VP

Introductions of club members: No new members or guests were in attendance. 17 members were in attendance.

Old business - Dave WD8IFL had swap improvement suggestions. Ideas were introduced to expand swap attendance by members, advertising for swaps and overall promotion. A possible improvement might be to have a flyer on the website and given to others; another avenue would be to have news published in various surrounding amateur radio club newsletters.

As a reminder Saturday, July 19th will be the date for the next GMARC swap at Trinity Lutheran Church.

New business - Antenna fund- Kurt WU8V would like the goal to be more “visible” to club members to better see how far along our progress is to purchasing the repeater antennas.

Special event station for 100th anniversary of GM- a suggestion to spur on activity by club members was made by Dave W8RIT. Spur of the moment activities may spark up, listen in on the repeater for further details.

A Skywarn training session will be held May 10th at Freedom Hill. The time will be from 10A-12N.

Club picnic - our club picnic will be held August 23rd Saturday @ the Gladeview picnic area in Stony Creek MetroPark. Reservations for the picnic pavilion were made by Mike N5WCS.

Ass't treasurer - Kurt WU8V made a suggestion for an assistant treasurer to give more presence and a report for club meetings. Joel will still act as treasurer but due to work commitments will not be able to attend club meetings, but however will still be able to carry on the necessary role and duties of the position. This is just to act as a face, a liaison to the club in his absence. Scott W1BIC volunteers to help Joel.

Separate antenna fund banking account- Kurt WU8V on behalf of Joel suggested that a separate antenna fund banking account be set up for better bookkeeping. Pros and cons were discussed. It was decided that as Joel suggested, he will investigate the matter further and report his findings at a later date.

EchoLink improvement - Tom KD8GZE donated a sizable UPS for the computer running the EchoLink node. Scott W1BIC currently has it running for power backup.

Break & Refreshments

Thanks to Dina N8YJI for providing the tasty goodies!

Peter I Isl. Mpeg movie was provided by Chuck N8ZA. Very interesting in what goes into a DXpedition in a remote part of the world.

Acting secretary forgot to note what time and if anyone made a motion to adjourn. Presumably it was a unanimous decision. Perhaps WI8C Dave's son, Sean and N8YJI Dina's daughter transferred to Trinity Lutheran grade school.

Date	Call	First Name	Description	Income	Expense
04/15/08	W8RIT	Dave	2008 Dues	\$20.00	
04/15/08	KB8VQP	George	2009 Dues	\$20.00	
04/15/08	KD8CRA	Larry	2008 Dues Check	\$20.00	
04/15/08	All		Coffee Donations	\$23.00	
04/15/08	KD8VQP	George	Donation Antenna Fund	\$20.00	
04/15/08	N1FCK	Greg	Donation Antenna Fund	\$40.00	
04/15/08	N8YJI	Dina	Baking Supplies Jan, Feb, April & May		\$30.00
				\$143.00	\$30.00

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Edenfield W8RIT
Acting Secretary